

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 47 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Baird

A RESOLUTION to honor Michael Aaron Lay upon his receipt of the Whittle Scholarship at the University of Tennessee for the 1999-2000 school year.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Michael Aaron Lay, a Jellico High School senior, is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as a 1999 Whittle Scholar; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Aaron has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Michael Aaron Lay is the recipient of the distinguished Whittle Scholarship for his exceptional and unusual ways to pursue educational and leadership opportunities beyond the traditional classroom setting; and

WHEREAS, the Whittle Scholarship consists of a honors program which is created to encourage excellence among all senior high school students; and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of the Whittle Scholarship, Mr. Lay will participate in an honors curriculum which consists of specially designed programs of instruction, which include seminars on current issues and leadership, honors classes, special advisers, mentoring programs, association with the University of Tennessee at Knoxville's most outstanding faculty, and a senior honors project under faculty direction; and

WHEREAS, Michael Aaron Lay and his proud parents, Gilbert and Michele Lay, will be guests of the Department of Education during an April 26th luncheon at the Nashville Marriott Hotel, where Michael will be presented a Certificate of Merit and an honors medallion during a recognition ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Michael's academic accomplishments are also a source of great pride for his grandparents, Lou Lay, Edgar and Flora Mae Long, all of Elk Valley; and

WHEREAS, other notable accolades include: special library, computer, housing, and pre-registration privileges at the University of Tennessee, a \$7,000 yearly scholarship assistance and a \$3,500 stipend for his semester abroad; and

WHEREAS, Aaron's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Michael Aaron Lay on his impressive academic achievements, including being the recipient of the coveted Whittle Scholarship and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.